

# Bethlehem, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm,**  
**Friday, 8 am - 12 noon; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday,**  
**8 am - 7 pm, Tuesday through Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, Friday,**  
**8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Grafton**  
**Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part**  
**White Mountains**  
**North Country Council**  
**Grafton County Economic Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 1**  
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**Grafton County District s1, 14**

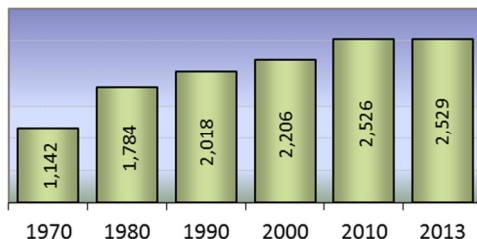
**Incorporated: 1799**

**Origin:** This community was first established in 1774 as Lloyd's Hills, the last of the provincial land grants. Probably because James Lloyd, for whom the town was named, was a loyalist, voters elected to change the name following the Revolution. The name Bethlehem was selected on the last Christmas Day in the century, and the town was so incorporated on December 27, 1799. According to the US Postal Service, Bethlehem is one of several US communities with holiday-themed names who have special holiday postmarks.

**Villages and Place Names:** Alderbrook, Five Corners, Maplewood, Pierce Bridge

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 171 residents in 1800

**Population Trends:** Population change for Bethlehem totaled 1,631 over 53 years, from 898 in 1960 to 2,529 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was between 1970 and 1980, when population increased by 56 percent. The 2013 Census estimate for Bethlehem was 2,529 residents, which tied with Rollinsford, ranking 120th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County

**Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau):** 27.8 persons per square mile of land area. Bethlehem contains 90.9 square miles of land area and 0.06 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014-2015		\$2,937,444	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015		\$6,256,152	
Zoning Ordinance		1972/11	
Master Plan		2004	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Planning; Zoning		
Appointed:	Conservation		
Public Library	Bethlehem Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time Chief & volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Littleton Regional, Littleton		8 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy; Littleton Water & Light	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Bethlehem Village District	
Sanitation		Private septic & municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Municipal	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Time Warner; Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$28.55	
2013 Equalization Ratio		89.2	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$25.26	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		82.0%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		14.8%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.2%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		1,690	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,182	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		155	
Five or More Units in Structure		235	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		118	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	<b>2,529</b>	<b>89,268</b>
2010	<b>2,526</b>	<b>89,118</b>
2000	<b>2,206</b>	<b>81,826</b>
1990	<b>2,018</b>	<b>74,998</b>
1980	<b>1,784</b>	<b>65,806</b>
1970	<b>1,142</b>	<b>54,914</b>
<b>Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013</b>		
Population by Gender		
Male	<b>1,217</b>	Female <b>1,312</b>
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		<b>77</b>
Age 5 to 19		<b>544</b>
Age 20 to 34		<b>291</b>
Age 35 to 54		<b>875</b>
Age 55 to 64		<b>407</b>
Age 65 and over		<b>335</b>
Median Age		<b>44.4 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		<b>92.9%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher		<b>30.9%</b>
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2009-2013)</i>		
Per capita income		<b>\$27,626</b>
Median family income		<b>\$66,016</b>
Median household income		<b>\$49,455</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		<b>\$44,919</b>
Female		<b>\$39,250</b>
Individuals below the poverty level		<b>14.3%</b>
<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>		
Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	<b>1,364</b>	<b>1,500</b>
Employed	<b>1,314</b>	<b>1,441</b>
Unemployed	<b>50</b>	<b>59</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 476</b>	<b>\$ 566</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>271</b>	<b>322</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 489</b>	<b>\$ 638</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>291</b>	<b>343</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 488</b>	<b>\$ 633</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>177</b>	<b>188</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 610</b>	<b>\$ 593</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>468</b>	<b>531</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 534</b>	<b>\$ 619</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Bethlehem operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are part of Profile Cooperative (Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Sugar Hill)** District: **SAU 35**

Career Technology Center(s): **Hugh Gallen Regional Career & Technical Center, Littleton; White Mountain Regional High - CTE, Whitefield** Region: **3**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-6</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>156</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>142</b>

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Littleton**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **15**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Profile Junior/Senior High School	Education	55	1976
White Mountain School	Education	54	
Bethlehem Elementary School	Education	35	
Pinetree Power Inc.	Electric plant	20	1988
Town of Bethlehem	Municipal services	15	

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	3, 302
	State Routes	18, 116, 142
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-93, Exits 39 - 40	
	Distance	Local access
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Twin Mountain	Runway	2,640 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	67 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		103 miles
Portland, Maine		107 miles
Boston, Mass.		154 miles
New York City, NY		347 miles
Montreal, Quebec		173 miles

**COMMUTING TO WORK**

(ACS 2009-2013)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>84.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>8.7%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.6%</b>
Walked	<b>0.8%</b>
Other means	<b>0.4%</b>
Worked at home	<b>5.1%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>21.4 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013**

Working in community of residence	<b>22.0</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>73.0</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>5.0</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
<b>X</b>	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Cannon Mountain, Bretton Woods</b>
	Other: <b>Antiques; The Rocks Tree Farm; Hiking; Mountain Biking; Bretz Fielder Park</b>